



## **OMWD Promotes Scholarship Opportunity to Area Students for Best Video Featuring Special Districts**

**Encinitas, CA**—Olivenhain Municipal Water District is encouraging local high school and college students to enter California Special Districts Association's Districts Make the Difference video contest for a chance to win a scholarship of up to \$2,000. Aspiring filmmakers can create a 60-second video telling the story of a special district, such as Olivenhain Municipal Water District, which increases public awareness and understanding of the services California's special districts provide to residents.

The competition gives entrants an opportunity to practice film-making with the potential to win a scholarship while also learning about an often overlooked form of local government. Special districts provide a wide range of specialized, focused services throughout California.

Contestants may work alone or as team, and can focus on one specific district or a complement of special districts that provide essential services to their community. High school and college students are encouraged to visit local special districts when creating their videos.

OMWD asks that students submit footage shot within San Diego County which reflects the importance of water to our community, the value of water, the efforts involved to ensure a safe and reliable supply of water, or careers in the water industry.

All entries must be submitted by September 30. Finalists for the statewide competition will be announced November 1 and winners will be revealed in December after a month-long period of public voting.

“We are happy to participate in this contest that promotes the arts and awards scholarships to deserving students while simultaneously highlighting the indispensable services that special districts like OMWD provide every day,” stated OMWD board director Edmund Sprague.

The video contest is organized by Districts Make the Difference, the public outreach campaign launched by CSDA to highlight the important work of the almost 2,000 special districts in California. Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a CSDA member.

For more information about the contest and to review the application and rules, visit <http://districtsmakethedifference.org/video-contest>.

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*Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a public agency providing water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. Organized in 1959, OMWD currently serves approximately 86,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County.*

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